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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-6-19

SUBJECT: FNM-MEETINGS, CONFERENCE, ETC.

**ACTION DUE BY: July 15, 2006**

Purpose: To provide authorization information for attendance at the Minnesota Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Outreach and Training Conference.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2006.

The purpose of the Minnesota Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Outreach and Training Conference is for tribal leaders and department personnel to meet with USDA and others to learn how USDA programs can help tribes achieve their visions for their people, land, air, water, plants, animals and other natural resources. It is also a great opportunity for USDA agency personnel who assist tribes to meet and get acquainted with tribal folks. It is an opportunity for ***Getting to Know Each Other and Caring for Mother Earth.***

This conference is designed to enhance cooperation and communications, building capacity and strengthening government to government relations.

The following employees are authorized to attend **on government time and expense:**

- State Conservationist, all Assistant State Conservationists, State Outreach Coordinator, and State Public Affairs Specialist.
- NRCS speakers and presenters listed on the attached agenda.
- District Conservationists and tribal liaisons serving counties with reservations.
- Other NRCS field and Area staff recommended by the ASTC (FO) and approved by the State Conservationist.

Assistant State Conservationists (FO) should submit a list of recommended participants to Ann English, ASTC- Operations, by **July 15, 2006**. Travel authorizations for those approved outside the State Office will be prepared at the applicable Area level.

A block of rooms has been reserved under *Minnesota Tribal Conservation Advisory Council – Outreach and Training Conference*. Please call the motel by **July 20, 2006**. Be sure to make the room reservations before this cutoff date. The Grand Casino Mille Lacs has given us an excellent price on the motel rooms of \$39 plus tax. We have rooms set aside for August 7, 8 and 9. When reserving your room, tell them you are attending the Minnesota Tribal Conservation Advisory Council – Outreach and Training Conference. The Grand Casino phone number is 1- 800-468-3517. Also, please send Kim Keg at the Grand Casino the information below.

Please e-mail, fax or send your information to Kim Kegg so we know how many to plan for and can have your name tag ready.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Tribe/Agency/Organization:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax:\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about the conference, please call Kim Kegg, Department of Natural Resources/Environmental Programs, 43408 Oodena Drive, Onamia, MN 56359  
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Attachment – Draft Agenda

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